Conversion of Pathankot-Joginder Nagar Rail Line

2858. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the field work relating to gauge conversion of Pathankot—Joginder Nagar Section has since been compiled;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some time-limit has been fixed for receipt of survey report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons threrfor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) The survey for gauge conversion of Pathankot—Joginder Nagar (189.50 kms.) and extension of broad gauge line from Joginder Nagar to Bhanupali *via* Mandi and Bilaspur (162.60 kms.) has been completed. As per survey report the estimated cost of the project is Rs. 3566.16 crores with a negative rate of return.

Production of rail tickets for Accident claims

2859. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is necessary to ask for ticket of a traveller dying in train accidents, for payment of compensation to next of the kin;

(b) whether it is fair to produce the tickets when the Railway authorities, local revenue and police authorities confirm the death; and

(c) whether Ministry is providing employment to one of the family members of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.